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Alleged Irregularities in NCL

6587. SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the committee, constituted under the chairmanship of Joint Secretary and Finance Adviser to go into the alleged irregularities in Neyveli Lignite Mines, has since submitted its report to the Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps being taken by Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) The Joint Secretary and Financial Adviser to the Ministry of Coal has been asked to look into the stock position of Neyveli Lignite Corporation's Mine and Thermal Power Station II and the reasons for stoppage of the TPS II in November, 1991. The report has since been submitted.

(b) The report does not find any discrepancy in the stock position of Mine and TPS II, nor does it specify any avoidable lapses in respect of the stoppage in TPS II.

(c) The report is under consideration of Government.

Short Supply of Coal to Projects

6588. SHRI VUKASRAI NAGNATHRAO NINDEWAR: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Maharashtra Government have sent any representation about short supply of coal to the various projects and to which their out-put gets affected;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures taken by the Government to meet the short supply of coal?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. There have been representations from the Government of Maharashtra regarding inadequate supply of coal to power houses, and other industries in the State of Maharashtra on account of which these units have reportedly suffered production losses.

(c) Movement of coal to core sectors like power, cement, steel etc. is regularly monitored and corrective action is taken to ensure adequate supplies. All coal companies have also been advised that so far as non-core sector industries are concerned, at least 50% of the linked quality of coal must be supplied to them, either by rail or by road

[*English*]

Handing over of Singareni Coal Mines to Coal India Limited

6589. DR. D. VENKATESWARA RAO:
PROF. UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to hand-over the Singareni Collieries to Coal India Limited;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) the time by which it is likely to be handed over, and

(d) whether there is any proposal to